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1. The Central Slovakian Ironworks (Stredoslovenske zelezniarne, n.p.) at Podbrezova are the former Slovak State Iron and Steel Works. They are situated on both banks of the Hron River on the railway line between Banska Bystrica and Brezno nad Hronom. A sketch showing the layout of the works, together with an explanatory legend, is attached.
2. The works form part of Kovo (Kovovyrobni a strojirenske zavody na Slovensku, n.p.) of Bratislava, of which the head is Ing. Karel Satler. This combine consists of the following firms:
 - a. The Podbrezova iron and steel works.
 - b. The Povazske machine works, Povazska Bystrica (Povazske strojarne, n.p.).
 - c. Enamelling works at Filakovo.
 - d. The Sandrik machine works at Dolni Hamry.
 - e. The Coburg works at Trnava.
 - f. The GND Krivan works at Turciansky Sv. Martin (Bratislava).
3. The following are the leading personalities of the Podbrezova works:

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| a. Works director | Dr. Ing. Vladimir Langer, formerly of Brno |
| b. Technical director | Bohuslav Marik |
| c. Administrative director | Dr. Bordac |
| d. Head of Works Council | Emil Petko, a Member of Parliament |
| e. Mining Adviser | Ing. Kortaschz, formerly of Poldi-Kladno |

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4. The works are divided into the following departments:

a. Podbrezova Furnaces Department

This department is under the direction of Dr. Ing. Herman and Ing. Markovnik. It produces the iron and steel required for the rolling mill and the pipe mill. There are four furnaces and one electric-arc furnace for melting scrap iron.

b. Podbrezova Rolling Mills

Under the direction of Ing. Kuzmani, who is of Russian extraction. There are three mills for coarse, middle, and fine grade steel, and also one mill for sheet metal. The mills produce section iron of all types and light metal sheets of between 0.5 and 3 mm. thickness. Production is used inside Czechoslovakia for industrial reconstruction.

c. Podbrezova Pipe Mill

Under the direction of Ing. Fucik. Five hundred men, in three shifts, are employed here. The mill produces Mannesmann pipes of varying sizes up to 50 cm. in diameter and 12 m. long. The production of oil pipe and water pipe is destined for export to the USSR, Rumania, and Poland.

d. Tisovec Blast Furnace

This department consists of one blast furnace producing iron for the Podbrezova iron and steel works. It is under the direction of Ing. Podhradsky. This plant is a subsidiary of Podbrezova, to which it is linked by a narrow-gauge railway.

e. Hronov Steel Foundry

f. Bridge-Building Works at Brezno nad Hronom

This department is under the direction of Ing. Woleczyk, who was formerly at the Trinec iron works.

g. Machine Shops at Podbrezova Piesok

h. Power Plants

Hydroelectric plants are located at Dubova, Jasena, Lopej, and Piesok. The amount of power produced is insufficient for the whole works and has to be supplemented by the Slovak Electrical Works.

i. Shipping Department

This department at Podbrezova has at its disposition twelve narrow-gauge railway engines, twenty trucks, and nine motorcars.

5. Iron ore is supplied from the mines at Zeleznik-Mlynky and is smelted at the blast furnaces at Tisovec. Coke is supplied from Petrvald, limestone from Tisovec, and coal from Moravska Ostrava.

6. A total of 5,300 men are employed, of whom 2,400 are engaged in mining activities and 2,300 in other departments; 560 are technicians, and 440 are administrative officials.

Encls: Sketch of Central Slovakian Ironworks at Podbrezova, with key.

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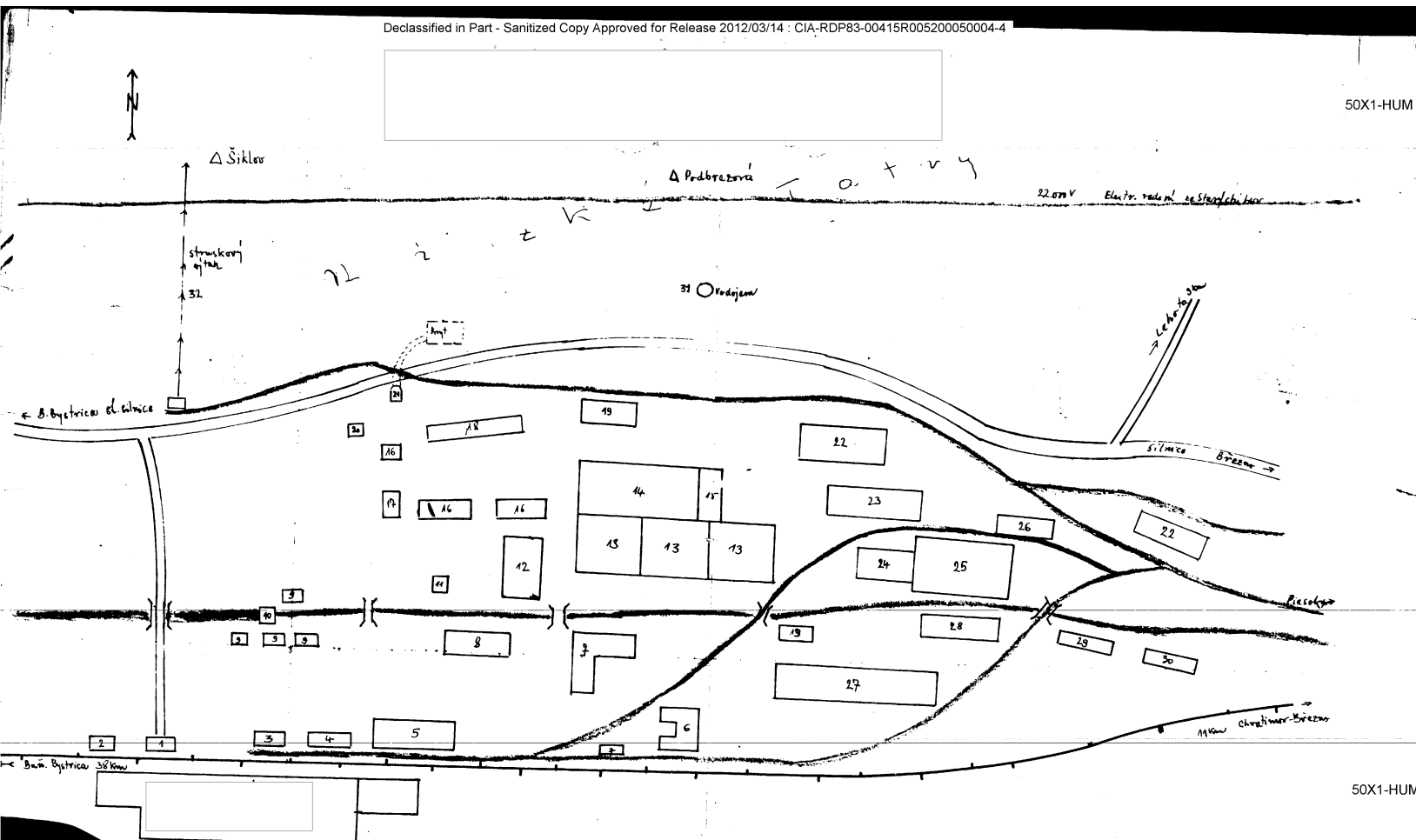
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Legend to Attachment

1. Podbrezova railway station
2. Station stores
3. Czechoslovak state railway garage
4. Works firebrigade
5. Shipping department
6. Works doctor
7. Rolling mill offices
8. Factory hotel
9. Workers' dwelling houses
10. Dam for Lopej power station
11. SNB station
12. Offices and laboratory
13. Heavy, medium, and light rolling mill
14. Steel works
15. Stores
16. Factory management and administrative offices
17. Post office
18. Technical offices
19. Generators
20. Store for materials
21. Entrance to underground space
22. Iron store
23. Main store for materials
24. Ingot store
25. Tube workshops
26. Mechanical workshops for the rolling mill and tube shops
27. Foundry
28. Technical offices for the tube shop and steel works
29. Asphalt pipes
30. Zinc pipes
31. Water basin
32. Slag disposal cable railway

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